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Dear Miss Levine (or Frances).

Now, don't be angry and please listen to reason. You may feel so angry at me for not writing sooner, that, I suppose you feel like destroying this letter without reading it, but Rose wrote me that you forgave me & that's how I happen to have the courage to pen this epistle. I'd just love to be around when you're angry. I could see those big eyes bulging out and - and - well, were you ever very angry? I'm getting ridiculous, but it's only because I just simply don't know how to get on your good side, by writing; if I were there near you, so many apologies, well, it would be a different thing altogether. Then, I could do something, but as it is, I have to be content until I see you again. Have you forgotten me? I didn't forget you, I can assure you. I ~~but~~ met a young lady down here, and I mean, I thought it was my little lady friend from Brooklyn, by name, familiarly known as Frances Levine. I told her about it and she wanted to know if I was intimately acquainted with you & I said yes, oh, yes. Was I? I really am not sure. If not, I'm going to. What's your opinion? You see, I'm not to forget my fundamental principle of law, that there must be two to make a bargain. Anyhow, we will begin thusly, you call me by my first name, viz, Joe, & I'll call you Frances, with your permission. Are you willing. I reckon I'm pretty blunt, but's that's the way I feel about it.

Well we will drop that argument about our different professions, so I will tell you bit of myself.

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You remember I told you I expected to go to the legislature? Well, I was n't even nominated. I turned down flat, after being so encouraged. It taught me a lesson, anyhow, and that is that politics is a right smart funny game. But I'll make someone feel sorry for that trick. Just let me get a little more experience in my profession. Just a little more time to get all timidity in talking in public out of my system, & I'll show them I'll get there through the medium of my ability and not personal ~~[illegible]~~ prejudice. I find now that law is a wonderful field to work in and that after a few years, about 2 or three, I'll be able to take unto myself — what's wrong? I was going to repeat. Anyhow, I'm here & here to stick.

Now I'll write about our country. Do you know that's we are having summer weather now? It's quite stuffy, but luckily, we are having that warm rain, & that kind of relieves us. I wish you & my family were here, so you all can see what kind of territory this is.

I suppose I'll have to stop as you ~~[illegible]~~ no doubt are busy and can't read this lessively, so I'll quit, hoping you will forgive me for not writing sooner, and that you will not purposely keep me waiting for an answer.

Sincerely

Joe.